

Arctic Adventures

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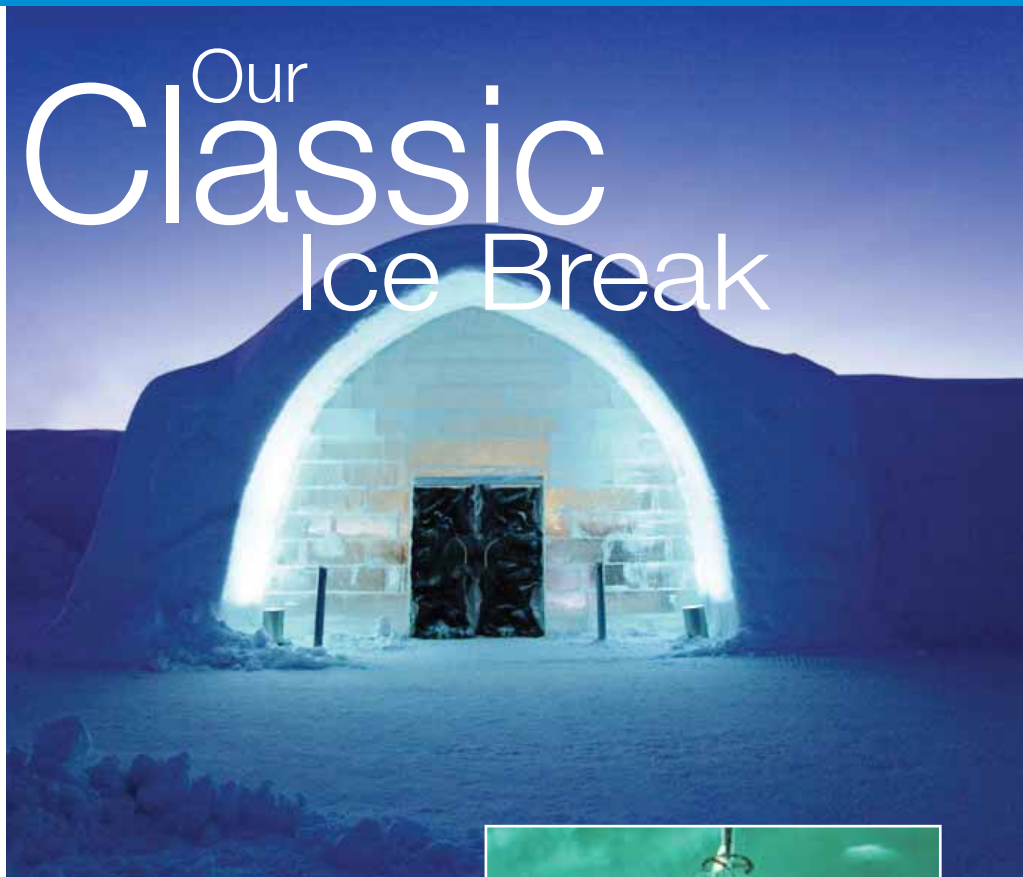
Our Classic Ice Break is perhaps the ideal way to enjoy the Ice Hotel with a night in Stockholm beforehand to help you unwind from 'the world being too much with you' and a short flight up to Kiruna the next day in time for a light lunch.

In Sweden's capital you stay at the family owned Esplanade hotel overlooking the harbour and at the Icehotel a full programme of excursions and activities is included with an overnight in a Snow room and another in 'warm accommodation'.

At the Ice Hotel you stay in a snow room formed in the shape of an igloo with a double frame bed, resting on blocks of ice illuminated from below and topped with a thermal mattress covered with reindeer skins.

Returning to the real world you'll find your vocabulary stretched to find superlatives to describe the modernistic edifice that is today's Ice Hotel (a far cry from the rudimentary igloo first built in '89) with its snow rooms, ice rooms and art suites hand crafted by international designers.

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DAY 1 UK - STOCKHOLM Scheduled SAS flight to Stockholm. Overnight at Hotel Esplanade; small, discrete and on the waterfront. Explore the cobbled alleyways of Gamla Stan, dine on scented reindeer or just relax.

DAY 2 STOCKHOLM - ICE HOTEL Breakfast in the hotel's art nouveau breakfast room before late morning flight to Kiruna and transfer to Jukkasjarvi and the Ice Hotel. On arrival, check in and lunch at the local Inn, after which collect thermal clothing and take a guided tour of the Ice Hotel and its environs. Later, start the evening with a guided snowmobile tour through the forest with (hopefully) the Northern Lights in the sky above. Traditional Sami soup at a wilderness encampment before returning to Jukkasjarvi. Then, it's into the "Absolut Ice Bar" to enjoy a special drink (payable locally) – a "Northern Lights" or a "Wolf's Paw" – before retiring to your Ice Hotel room for the most unusual night of your life.

DAY 3 ICE HOTEL Wake up to a hot cloudberry juice, take a sauna (optional) and breakfast across at the Inn. Afterwards, you can enjoy an optional reindeer sled safari through the forest and across the fells to a "Lavvo" (tent) for a traditional Sami lunch by an open fire before returning to Jukkasjarvi. In the afternoon, you can choose optional excursions either by husky or snowmobile. The final night of your "Classic Ice Weekend" is spent either in a Kaamos, Nordic or Northern Lights room. The local Inn serves Lapp specialities and has both table d'hôte and à la carte menus.

DAY 4 ICE HOTEL - UK Breakfast at the Inn. Morning free for a brief walk around the village, with its traditional Sami buildings and church, before transfer to Kiruna airport and return flight(s) via Stockholm to the UK.

DEPARTURE DATES

Saturdays 8 Dec-14 Apr

Prices in £ per person

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DATES	TWIN
9-29 DEC	1050
3 JAN-18 APR	1090
12 & 13 FEB	1155/1130

Prices include return scheduled SAS flights from Heathrow (Manchester on request) to Kiruna via Stockholm • All airport departure taxes and passenger service charges • Stockholm hotel overnight in twin room with private WC/shower • Overnight in Snow Room • Overnight in a Nordic cabin, Northern Light chalet or Kaamos hotel style room • 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner as per itinerary • Excursions and services as per itinerary. Airport transfers in Kiruna • Protective thermal clothing for the duration of your stay in Jukkasjarvi • Guided tour of the Ice Hotel.
ALTERNATIVE DEPARTURE DAY DISCOUNTS/ SUPPLEMENTS: SUN -£40; MON -£15; TUE +£25; WED/THU +£65; FRI +£40; 20 & 29 DEC +£150